

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of:  
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For: POLYMER ELECTROLYTE AS WELL  
AS POLYMER ELECTROLYTE  
MEMBRANE, MEMBRANE  
ELECTRODE ASSEMBLY AND  
POLYMER ELECTROLYTE FUEL  
CELL USING THE SAME

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EP 0 688 824 corresponds to U.S. Patent No. 5,834,566 (a U.S. counterpart);

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WO 01/01507 corresponds to U.S. Patent No. 6,413,676 (a U.S. counterpart); and  
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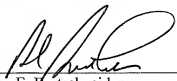
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